

January 2014

2014 Schedule of Meetings:

No meetings Jan.-Feb. Next meeting Mar. 5th, then Apr. 2nd, May 7th, June 4th, July 2nd, Aug. 6th, Sept. 3rd, Oct. 1st, Nov. 5th, and Dec. 3rd.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m., meeting starts 8 p.m., at the Rockwood Public Library (inside Eramosa Community Centre) at 85 Christie Street (near corner Christie Street and Main Street North Wellington Road 27, Rockwood, On. NoB 2Ko.

Annual Membership Dues:

Regular 'early bird' \$10 (before Jan. 1) or \$12 after, can save \$4 by paying 2 yrs in Dec. 2013.
Couple \$12
Junior (14 to age 18) \$5
Under 14 Free

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**NEXT MEETING DATE:
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5TH, 2014**



President's Message

Our next meeting is Wednesday, **March 5th, 2014!** **Scott Douglas** will be presenting "**Saints and Sinners - Brewing and Temperance in Ontario.**"

Our SWCS Annual Spring Coin Show is Saturday, April 12th, 2014. SWCS enjoys a long reputation of successful shows which continue due to the valuable support of its members! Inside this issue is our spring and fall coin show bookings (see page 4) through to and including 2017. Pre-show there will be a similar sized 4"x4" listing the dealers attending. Many dealers have already signed up several of the future shows, such terrific folks as **Mike Wilson, Brian Bell** and **Bob Armstrong!**

Mike Hollingshead will be in Cuba Jan. 5 to Mar. 31st, so will return for our April 2014 meeting. I will be sending out the newsletter in his place.

Cheers! **John** (johnsemedo99@gmail.com / 519-821-6379)

Smile & Chuckle from Dave Marcella

An old German Shepherd starts chasing rabbits and before long, discovers that he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a panther heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch. The old German Shepherd thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep trouble now!" Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the panther is about to leap, the old German Shepherd exclaims loudly, "Boy, that was one delicious panther! I wonder, if there are any more around here?" Hearing this, the young panther halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees. "Whew!," says the panther, "That was close! That old German Shepherd nearly had me!" Meanwhile, a squirrel who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the panther. So, off he goes. The squirrel soon catches up with the panther, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the panther. The young panther is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, squirrel, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!" Now, the old German Shepherd sees the panther coming with the squirrel on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?," but instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old German Shepherd says... "Where's that squirrel? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another panther!" Moral of this story... Don't mess with the old dogs... Age and skill will always overcome youth and treachery! Bull and brilliance only come with age and experience.



SWSC Annual Treasurer's Report

This year saw our bank balance grow, but we will have some significant expenses this year.

We are grateful for the support of dealers and attendees at our twice annual shows.

Our new show schedule will be the first Saturday in May and the fourth Saturday in September in perpetuity.

The viability of the club relies on the shows to keep our free cookie and refreshment program, our publishing of significant books, member education, and low membership dues. Thank you to all members who volunteer their services to make our shows successful!

Respectfully,
Len Kuenzig, Treasurer, SWCS



South Wellington Coin Society Financials

Bank balance November 1st, 2012		\$10,307.23
Revenue (Income)		
Memberships 2013	\$314.00	
Donations	\$80.00	
Auction/Draw income	\$349.20	
Spring Show	\$2,527.41	
Fall Show	\$2,225.76	
Total Revenue		\$5,496.37
Expenses		
Refund Terry Campbell	\$480.00	
Bank Fees	\$60.00	
Refreshments	\$200.00	
Presentations	\$60.00	
Office	\$58.38	
Members Draw	\$50.00	
Door prizes	\$30.00	
Kids Table	\$27.00	
Cash Box Float	\$307.35	
Total Expenses		\$1,272.73
Bank Balance October 31, 2013		\$14,530.87
Other Assets		
Assets 50 cent pieces	\$1,000.00	
Auction Float	\$100.00	
Cash Box	\$307.35	
Note: at Dec. 4, 2013 meeting, post the statement above, SWCS donated \$400 to the Wellington County Library System since they provide SWCS a free meeting room all year.		
Note: the refund to Campbell is from a 2008 show.		

Local / Special Coin Shows & Conventions

- JAN. 17 - 19, 2014, Toronto, ON** - UNIPEX Toronto Stamp & Coin Show, Toronto Plaza Hotel, 1677 Wilson Ave. Hours: Fri. 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsor/Affiliate: Unitrade Associates. For more information contact Unitrade Associates, telephone 416-242-5900, email unitrade@rogers.com. Website: <http://www.unitradeassoc.com/>.
- JAN. 25 - 26, 2014, Hamilton, ON** - CAND Annual Show, Sheraton Hamilton Hotel, 116 King St., West. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Show pass \$60 (good for Friday dealer set-up, Saturday and Sunday). Daily admission \$3, auctions to be conducted by Jeffrey Hoare Auctions Inc. Numismatic auction Saturday, military auction Sunday. Sponsor/Affiliate: Canadian Association of Numismatic Dealers. For more information contact show chairman, Tom Kennedy, telephone 519-271-8825, email cand@cogeco.ca.
- FEB. 22 - 23, 2014, Toronto, ON** - Torex - Canada's National Coin Show, Hyatt Regency Toronto On King, 370 King St. W. Hours: Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sun. 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Canada's finest dealers in Canadian, ancient, and foreign coins, paper money, hobby supplies and reference books; admission \$7, under 16 free; official auctioneer: The Canadian Numismatic Company. For more information telephone 416-705-5348. Website: <http://www.torex.net>.

Highlights of Last Meeting reported by Mike Hollingshead and Len Kuenzig

Here's SWCS report for your last meeting held: Dec. 4, 2013. SWCS welcomes new members **John Fairbairn** and son **Liam** to the club. We hope you enjoy your hobby and find SWCS assists in learning more. Club membership gives you access to information and introduces you to some helpful fellow collectors.

Secret Santa gifting was quite interesting and some very humorous gifts appeared, some perhaps unintentional! Two memorables, **Mel Brown**, who has a passion for paper money received a "crisp" George VI \$10 banknote (cleaned and pressed fresh from a dry cleaners?) and \$25,000 in winning scratch and win tickets!!! Let us know how collecting the winnings works out, **Mel**. Someone gifted a very beautiful shaving kit which contained a high-end multi-blade razor, a real shaving brush for lathering and some shaving soap specially designed for use with the brush, a beauty of a gift! Many grins all around from jealous people (who said how nice a gift it was and wished it had fallen into their hands) when the receiver of the present was the beard-bearing **Charles Turton** - whose face hasn't seen a blade in forty years! **Charlie**, maybe somebody is trying to tell you something? No doubt **Charlie** will re-gift the present which will make a nice gift for a shaving man. We hope one and all enjoyed the exchange. We did have some feedback that moving back to a \$5 limit and making the gifts more humorous might encourage more participation. More feedback will be solicited, please contact an executive member with your comments.

Membership Draw: The Members Draw pickee was **Matt MacNeal** who was not present, though both his father-in-law and grandfather-in-law were present! March's Draw will be for \$10.

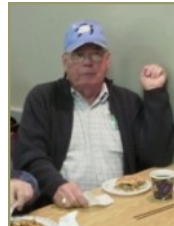
Door Prize Winners & King

Arthur's Treasure: The winner of the King Arthur's Treasure which

contained an equivalent of 90 items was our Hospitality Baron, **Mel Brown**! **Mel** is a big fan of foreign and the KAT is usually a trove of foreign coins. Door Draw winners for December were **Doug W**, **YN Peter H-D**, **Bob Z** and **Mel B**.

Auction: December Auction Action saw some spirited bidding, in particular a U.S. 3-cent piece that achieved 50% over estimate! Foreign coins were hotly contested, likely because they were such good quality! Another super-nice Smith-Vector metal coin-case saw spirited bidding with the eventual winner being the Godfather of SWCS **Robert Zmija**, with a bid of \$31.00. Congratulations to **Robert** on a great purchase and once again a super-sized thank you to **Judy Blackman** for donating the case which contained 54 foreign coins for our auction. Some excellent Newfoundland coinage and Canadian large cents were also fought over.

Remember that **Lowell** ALWAYS needs more items for upcoming auctions. The commission charged to consignors: Sold for under \$20, auction fee is 25 cents and items sold for over \$20 fee is \$1. Pretty simple. No buyers premium, no sales tax. Bring your items to consign to the meeting or contact **Lowell** at ljwiestra@rogers.com or phone 519-824-6534!



Education Program: December's show featured **Sean Sinclair**, who while trying to pull a rabbit from a hat came up with a pigeon! Apparently his chauffeur for the evening was honking wildly and he grabbed the incorrect data stick. He did manage to show us some slides from Iceland which fortunately had some coins and paper money mixed in. **Sean** has agreed to bring back his intended talk in April, which hopefully will not be an April Fool's Joke! **Sean** did donate one of his hand-crafted coin holders featuring the 1812 coinage and custom

engraving. The winner of that draw was **Gary Fedora**.

March's Educational Presentation: **"Saints and Sinners - Brewing and Temperance in Ontario"**. A new, ground-breaking project by one of Canada's most prolific numismatic writer and researcher - SWCS's own **Scott Douglas**. I say new because **Scott** had an epiphany recently when he heard someone denigrating PowerPoint presentations at club meetings. **Scott's** opinion is that PPT's can indeed be a valid form of both education and entertainment if the material is presented in an engaging way.

"Saints and Sinners" will be just the first of what **Scott** has promised in a generation of 100 presentations by the **SWCS's 20th Anniversary in April, 2017!** "I have written 66 'Did You Know' articles to date", stated **Scott**, "The plan is to flesh out the current and future written articles into 15-20 minute PP presentations by adding lots more photos along with some text to keep them both informative yet easy to watch and enjoy. This new format will allow the topics to be presented live, over the internet, on laptops at malls or classrooms - the sky's the limit." SWCS is pleased to be a sponsor of this new and exciting venture.

Facility: At the December meeting we gave a cheque for \$400 to the **Wellington County Library** (Rockwood branch). Although we are not billed for use of the room, the executive feels that the club should support the community and that a donation to the library is well warranted.

The room is always ready for us,

we never have to pre-book for the coming year's use. The library said that we are the only room user that donates back for the use and we "are welcome forever"! Our donations have averaged \$20/night for some time and we feel that is certainly for such a cozy room.

Direction / Publications: We received a note from **Kevin Thorsteinson**, who many will remember is a big promoter of youth numismatics, regretting his inability to attend due to work commitments. **Kevin** also spoke early to **Charles Turton** and said that he really enjoys the SWCS meetings and likes the direction the club is moving, particularly our focus on making numismatics fun for younger people. He said he likes the informal feeling and the style that makes our meetings a social interaction among friends, not just a business meeting. Hope the work will soon allow more attendance, **Kevin!** We are proud to know you and support your work, especially your attendance at the youth tables in both Guelph and the Brampton Coin Show where you set up also.

The Executive of SWCS would like to thank our Editor, **Judy Blackman** for her numerous and dedicated acts of kindness. Where do you start to count her contributions? She publishes an outstanding newsletter on a monthly basis which features not only topics that we enjoy learning about (foreign coins, famous and infamous people, new finds from her personal collections), provides treats and materials for Young Numismatists at our shows, photo services at our events, comes out to mall and show days, has been a guest speaker with displays too, donates numerous items to the club auctions with proceeds going entirely to the club and nominates the SWCS club for awards at the provincial and national level. These are just some examples of **Judy's** largess to the club, all the while maintaining a very senior position with a large supply company in Kitchener. Nobody I talk to can understand how

Judy manages to do so many things and maintain such a high level of quality and commitment. **Judy** is certainly an inspiration to many of us in living life well.

Our yearbook has been issued to our members. All kudos go to **Scott Douglas**. The club just pays the bills for the publication, quite willing I add! I think the thing about SWCS and few other select clubs (CAWMC is one!, CTCCC is another) is they have a genuine desire to learn more about numismatics. The official functioning, the show, etc. is just a means of delivering education to the members.

Susan Edwards, sister of **Mike Hollingshead**, is a genealogist / history buff. She enjoys **Scott's** DYK articles, such as the *James Christie's Scotch Bakery* (Elora). The same article **Mike** was giggling over, thinking that if **Judy** was looking for the recipe in the article and going to bake that Christmas cake, it wouldn't have much time to age! **Susan** shared "Whoever does your newsletter does a fantastic job." Your Editor would like to congratulate the club, as many of you submit information for the newsletter each month such as **Scott, Mike, Len, Dave, and Lowell** submissions are always welcomed!

Smiles and Chuckles from **Dave Marcella**: *An Obituary printed in the London Times – Interesting and sadly, rather true.* Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, **Common Sense**, who has been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was, since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape. He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as: Knowing when to come in out of the rain; Why the early bird gets the worm; Life isn't always fair; and Maybe it was my fault. **Common Sense** lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you can earn) and reliable strategies (adults, not children, are in charge). His health began to deteriorate rapidly when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations

were set in place. Reports of: a 6-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a class-mate; teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch; and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student, only worsened **Common Sense's** condition. **Common Sense** lost ground when parents attacked teachers for doing the job that they themselves had failed to do in disciplining their unruly children. It declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer sun lotion or an aspirin to a student; but could not inform parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion. **Common Sense** lost the will to live as the churches became businesses; and criminals received better treatment than their victims. **Common Sense** took a beating when you couldn't defend yourself from a burglar in your own home and the burglar could sue you for assault. **Common Sense** finally gave up the will to live, after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot. She spilled a little in her lap, and was promptly awarded a huge settlement. **Common Sense** was preceded in death, by his parents, *Truth and Trust*, by his wife, *Discretion*, by his daughter, *Responsibility*, and by his son, *Reason*. He is survived by his 4 step-brothers: *I Know My Rights*; *I Want It Now*; *Someone Else Is To Blame*; and *I'm A Victim*. Not many attended **Common Sense's** funeral because so few realized he was gone. If you still remember him, pass this on. If not, join the majority and do nothing.

**COMMON SENSE
IS LIKE DEODORANT.
THE PEOPLE WHO
NEED IT MOST
NEVER USE IT.**

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SOUTH WELLINGTON COIN SOCIETY ANNOUNCES THEIR UPCOMING COIN SHOW DATES:

Spring: Saturday April 12 2014 | Fall: Saturday September 27 2014

*Commencing 2015 shows will be held:
1st Saturday in May and 4th Saturday in September in perpetuity.*

Spring: Saturday May 2 2015 | Fall: Saturday September 26 2015

Spring: Saturday May 7 2016 | Fall: Saturday September 24 2016

Spring: Saturday May 6 2017 | Fall: Saturday September 23 2017

**Shows continue to be held at Colonel John McCrae Legion,
57 Watson Parkway, Guelph, ON N1L 1E3**

SWCS NEW EXECUTIVE

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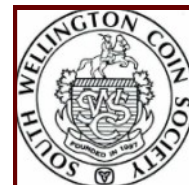
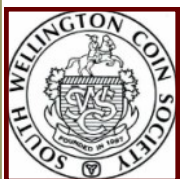
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Japanese Shu & Bu

Your Editor recently acquired these two gold coins through The Shopping Channel Coin Show. They were something not currently in her collection, and she had never heard or seen these before, hence to fascination!

This hand hammered rectangular gold coin was issued in Japan during the final years of the "Samurai Era" from 1832 to 1858, and is a high quality example of one of the most unusual historic gold coins of the world. These coins are sometimes referred to as Nisshu Kin Ingot, meaning "two shu gold". The coin is about 12 karat gold combined with an alloy silver, giving it a medium yellow colour. The coin weighs approximately 1.5 grams. This was perhaps the most colourful era of Japanese history, when the last shogun was overthrown and power was returned to the emperor once again. This brought about reforms on coinage and saw the end of the last rectangular coins of Japan. Includes: Japan 2 Shu Gold Coin 1832-1858 Samurai Era Rectangular, leather case, and COA. This other hand hammered rectangular gold coin was also issued in Japan during the final years of the "Samurai Era" from 1868 to 1869, and is a high quality example of one of the most unusual historic gold coins of the world. These coins are sometimes referred to as Nibu Kin Ingot, meaning "two bu gold". The coin is about 12 karat gold combined with an alloy silver, giving it a medium yellow colour. The coin weighs approximately 3 grams and features a floral "chrysanthemum" design. Includes: 1868-1869 Gold Coin Rectangular Japan 2 Bu Samurai Era, leather case, and COA.

The Samurai armor remains one of the most interesting and rare components of the Samurai era. The armor was constructed from bamboo, cloth and metal. Unlike its better known counterpart, the medieval armor, the Japanese example was much lighter, which provided for ease of movement but compromised protection. The armor had to be light weight because the Samurai would often engage into hand to hand combat, requiring fast and precise movements. The majority of the armor was made from bamboo. The chest plate was usually one piece of metal while the arms and neck were composed of small pieces of metal tied together with colorful strings.

The Samurai warrior was an expert in hand to hand combat. The disciplines he mastered included Ju Jitsu, Iaido and swordsmanship. The Samurai would fight mounted on a horse or on foot. It is said that some of their opponents were strong and skilled enough to be able to punch through the Samurai armor with a single strike from their fist.



President & Chief Accountant Face Jail Sentence

This is a 1889 \$5 rare uncirculated 'original painter' proof notes from La Banque Ville-Marie (almost 125 years old). The Face design is Montreal Harbour / D. Maisonneuve; and the Back design is Lathework, counters and bank name. This note recently sold for \$3,295.00 (Cdn.). While Canada has a rich history of bank notes issued for circulation by the chartered banks from the early 1800s through to the early 1940s, surviving notes from most issues prior to the 1930s are extremely rare. This is especially true for some of the smaller banks such as La Banque Ville-Marie. For many issues in the 1800s, there are no high grade surviving examples known, and in some cases, no issued examples are known in any grade.

In some cases, one or more original "printer's proofs" have survived as high grade examples of these rare notes. These were the actual first sample notes printed for approval by the bank president and other officials. They are usually one sided notes printed on fine paper, and often set on card stock for presentation. Engravers were sometimes permitted to keep one or more proof samples of their work, and some of these proof notes were saved for many decades by the bank note printing company.

Today, proof notes such as this set serve as amazing time capsules, and are some of the rarest and highest museum quality numismatic items ever available to collectors. There are no uncirculated or even mid grade issued examples of this note known to have survived. Low grade circulated examples have sold for about \$5,000.

Banque Ville-Marie, 1872-1899: Established in Montreal in 1872, La Banque Ville-Marie suspended payment on June 25, 1899, when it was discovered that there were fraudulent over-circulation of notes that had not been shown on the government return.

In addition, a substantial number of bad debts arising from fraudulent transactions had not been reported. Criminal prosecution was taken against several of them for theft, fraud and the filing of false returns, and the president and chief accountant were sentenced to jail.

In 1959, the scale models of the Place Ville Marie project (which would house the Royal Bank of Canada) were presented to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II during her visit to Quebec to inaugurate the St. Lawrence Seaway.



South Wellington Coin Society hosts SHOW



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